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Canal land used for layout at Belagola!

Mandya DC orders prosecution of two errant Revenue officials under Prevention of Corruption Act

Mysuru, Oct. 26 (RK&BCT)- Mandya Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Kumara has accorded sanction to prosecute two Revenue Department officials — a former Revenue Inspector and a former Village Accountant — for illegally converting canal land (Government property) for residential purposes in Belagola village of Srirangapatna taluk.

The DC, who is the competent authority, issued the sanction under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Amendment Act, 2018), Column 9(1)(C) against former Belagola Revenue Inspector Jayaramamurthy and former Village Accountant Puttaswamy.

However, Jayaramamurthy has been exempted from prosecution as he is suffering from a severe neurological condition, is bedridden and unable to communicate coherently, the Deputy Commissioner's order stated.

Canal in residential conversion

The case pertains to the illegal inclusion of 14 guntas of Government-owned canal (nala) land in a residential conversion proposal.

On Jan. 10, 2024, *Star of Mysore* **had reported the issue under the headline "Three Officers booked for abetting encroachment of canal land,"** describing it as a clear case of "the fence eating the crop," where officers colluded to help a private landowner develop a residential layout on canal-acquired land.

The case surfaced following a complaint by Advocate S. Mahesh, a resident of Jayalakshmipuram, Mysuru, to the Lokayukta Police, alleging that out of 2.13 acres in Survey No. 44 at Belagola, 14 guntas were already acquired for canal construction. Despite this, the entire land — including the canal portion — was approved for conversion, blatantly violating rules.

Investigation

Subsequent investigation revealed that out of the 2.13-acre property, 14 guntas were owned by Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited (CNNL).

Yet, officials allegedly helped in converting the land for residential purposes by submitting false documents and misleading the Government. The property was later transferred to Veerabhadraiah of Hosa Anandur village in Srirangapatna taluk.

(See CANAL on page 7)

11th and 12th Championship Dog Shows

432 dogs show off their skills

A Belgian Malinois and a German Shepherd showing their skills at the Dog Show held in city this morning.

Mysuru, Oct. 26 (MTY&BCT)- The Scouts and Guides Grounds near the Old DC's Office came alive this morning with wagging tails, cheerful barks, and excited cheers as the Canine Club of Mysore, affiliated with the Kennel Club of India, hosted the 11th and 12th Championship Dog Shows along with Obedience Trials. Hundreds of students, dog lovers and curious onlookers thronged the venue, many capturing selfies and photographs with the furry participants that turned the ground into a lively spectacle.

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Mysuru, Sunday 26th October 2025

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

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EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

GOING BEYOND THE VEIL OF IDENTITY: ***The question as to who I am may strike each one at a certain point of life. Am I the doctor, engineer, scientist, teacher, businessman, AI professional, housewife, or politician? In reality I am not any of them but only recognised as such. Why does one forget that life is but the journey of the soul? The body is important to the extent it nourishes the soul within, helping it in its spiritual progress, but remains only the vehicle, which one should maintain in good running condition.***

The spirit/soul may vacate the rented accommodation any day, therefore should experience a calm stay and a peaceful journey that enables it to realise its true substance. Or else the option for another accommodation crops up earlier than expected. One may recall Swami Vivekananda asking the almighty for another body to further his mission as the current one was failing in health. As Krishna says in the Gita, *Dehino yasmin yatha dehe kaumaram yauvanam jara tathaa dehaantara prapthir...* ***Just as the same soul continues in the body that changes during childhood, youth and old age, when the body perishes the soul enters a fresh body, continuing its journey.***

The riddle related to the words "my body" was highlighted by Udupi Palimar mutt senior pontiff Sree Vidyadeesha swamiji in a recent discourse. "The body is not who I am and this basic truth is actually known by each one.

Then why else would I say, this is "my" body? Who am I indicating through "my"? Even then I behave as if I am the body and take glory in all the achievements done by this body, that I, the consciousness/spirit, possess," he said. This is because of the conditioning the spirit/soul undergoes when it gets a body and soon begins to identify itself with the body forgetting that the body is only an instrument for its own progress towards realisation. One sees mixtures like chaff with grain, mustard with sesame, and so on. It takes time to separate one from the other.

Similarly, one should ponder and understand the difference between the self and the egocentric body, and condition the body instead, to work only for the upliftment of the spirit/ soul within. This can be done only through human life. *—Sandhya Vasudev in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Skateboarding pig earns World Record

Buffalo Grove: A perfectly poised pig from Illinois earned a Guinness World Record when he showed off his skateboarding swine skills and took a 33-foot ride in just over 11 seconds.

Norbert, the Pig from Buffalo Grove earned the record for the fastest 10 meters pushing a skateboard by a pig, managing the feat in 11.32 seconds.

Vincent Baran, Norbert's owner, said he discovered the pet pig's impressive talent when he found his old skateboard. He said 175-pound Norbert now "looks like a natural on the board" and loves showing off his skills.

"After a handful of sessions, we finally hit the sweet spot and his run went perfectly," Baran said. He said Norbert earned the nickname Tony Pork, in honour of legendary skateboarder Tony Hawk.

More chocolaty with 'Sweetest Melody'

Bristol: A sound expert at the University of Bristol in the UK created a special song designed to enhance the sweetness and intensity of chocolate.

The "Sweetest Melody" is the result of over 60 years of scientific research into a phenomenon known as "multisensory integration," where taste and hearing influence each other. Apparently, music with soft melodies and in major keys can enhance the sweetness and silkiness, sharp notes highlight bitterness, and fast-paced music is more suitable for pairing with fast food rather than dessert. Knowing this, Natalie Hyacinth, a sound expert at the University of Bristol, teamed up with UK chocolate brand Galaxy Chocolate to create a song that makes chocolate taste better for the listener.

The 78-BPM track, dubbed 'Sweetest Melody', is 90 seconds long – the time that it takes chocolate to melt on your tongue – and features piano for sweetness, strings for a smooth finish, and a harp for a smoother, more pleasing texture.

HEALTH CAPSULE

A stroke destroys about 2 Million neurons every minute; speed of response matters.

By Dr. Maqsood Ahmed A.R. - Senior Consultant Neurosurgeon (Cerebrovascular and Endovascular Surgery) - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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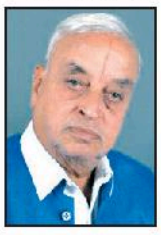
'Sangeetha Seva Nidhi' Award for S. Ramprasad

Mysuru, Oct. 26- Writer and Founder-President of Karnataka Muktaka Sahitya Academy, S. Ramprasad, has been selected for 'Sangeetha Seva Nidhi' award instituted by JSS Sangeetha Sabha Trust, Mysuru, of JSS Mahavidyapeetha.



Ramprasad

According to a press release from Sabha Secretary T.P. Prabhuswamy and Trustee Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao, Ramprasad has been selected for the award, to be conferred during the 30th Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji Memorial Music Conference, scheduled to be held from Dec. 2 to 6 at JSS Women's College auditorium, Saraswathipuram in the city. Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will be presenting the award.

Ramprasad, who has over 50 literary works to his credit, besides being a amateur wildlife photographer, is the recipient of various awards. He was associated with Ganabharathi, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JSS Sangeetha Sabha, N.R. Mohalla Sangeetha Sabha, Surabhi Ganakala Mandira, Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre, Sri Krishna Ganasabha, Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB) and several other institutions, functioning for the cause of promoting culture in the city.

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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *Typewriter — Is this masculine or feminine?*
Girl student: *Feminine.*
Teacher: *Why do you say that?*
Girl Student: *It has Ribbon. That is why it is feminine.*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 87.82
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 116.95
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.91
1 Euro	= Rs. 102.10

VOICE OF THE READER

Dattagalli 3rd Stage crying for attention

Sir,

For the past two years, a major sewage pipeline in one of Mysuru's busy localities — Dattagalli 3rd Stage, opposite the SBI ATM — has been leaking continuously, making life miserable for nearby shopkeepers, residents and even hospital patients. Despite repeated complaints, MCC has failed to provide a permanent solution.

According to local shop owners, the pipeline leaks human waste and dirty water almost daily. Although MCC workers have visited the spot multiple times, they only clear surface waste before leaving — and the problem resurfaces within days.

"The stench is unbearable. Customers have stopped visiting our shop, and sometimes we are forced to close early because of the smell and filth," said a frustrated shopkeeper.

Over the past six months, the situation has worsened. The overflowing sewage now spreads across the road, affecting nearby homes and the GBJ Hospital, where both patients and staff are struggling to cope with the foul odour. Before Deepavali, residents and shopkeepers took it upon themselves to clean the area, but one night of rain brought everything back to its earlier state, leaving the road once again flooded with sewage.

Residents claim they have repeatedly informed the MCC through e-mails and WhatsApp messages, but only temporary measures have been taken so far. They have now urged the authorities to act immediately and provide a permanent fix, stressing that this is no longer just a sanitation issue but a serious public health hazard affecting hundreds of citizens in the area.

—Prakash Seervi

Dattagalli 3rd Stage 23.10.2025

Entrepreneurs discuss newer technologies at CII Conclave

Mysuru, Oct. 26- The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru Zone, recently hosted Annual Manufacturing & Technology Conclave-2025, drawing over 150 delegates from across Karnataka's industrial spectrum.

Held under the theme 'Building World-Class Competitiveness through Technology, Automation & Quality Excellence,' the day-long conclave served as a dynamic platform for industry leaders, policymakers and MSMEs to explore innovation-led growth, digital transformation & operational excellence.

The inaugural session featured distinguished speakers including Rabindra Srikantan, Vijaykrishnan Venkatesan, Pavan Ranga, Nagaraja Gargeshwari, V. Eswara Rao, Sam Cherian, Utsav Agarwal and Kiran Ranga. Their insights set the tone for high-impact discussions on elevating Mysuru's industrial ecosystem & positioning it as a model for manufacturing excellence.

In a joint statement, Nagaraja Gargeshwari and Kiran Ranga reaffirmed CII Mysuru's commitment to helping industries transition from efficiency to excellence. "This conclave is a testament to Mysuru's readiness to lead in innovation, process reliability and quality. By fostering collaboration between industry, academia and Government, we are building frameworks that empower MSMEs to scale sustainably," they noted.

The conclave featured thematic sessions on TPM & TQM, Smart Factories, AI & IoT, Defence & Aerospace Precision Manufacturing and Workforce Transformation. Eminent speakers such as J. Harihara Mahadevan, Sylvain Sagot, Manish Sharma, V. Jagannath, Rakesh Kommineni, Bhooshan Iyer, K. Ajith, Kaushal Jadia, Kanthesh Rao Sorab and Nipun Sharma shared actionable strategies for MSMEs to adopt Industry 4.0, enhance cybersecurity, and integrate robotics across supply chains.

The participants gained practical insights into Lean implementation, predictive maintenance, and digital adoption tailored for small and medium enterprises.

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Mysuru, Oct. 26 (KS)- Chikoo (male) and Chikki (female), which were found abandoned and separated from their mother have been rescued, de-wormed and vaccinated by People For Animals (PFA) in city, are up for adoption. Both puppies are healthy, playful and ready to be adopted.

Chikki

PFA has urged the public to come forward and adopt Chikoo & Chikki and consider adoption as a way to address the growing crisis of abandoned and homeless dogs.

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Nanjangud is India's first CMC to digitise civic data

'Civinc' App developed at Ashoka University makes Nanjangud a model for smart citizen services

Nanjangud MLA Darshan Dhruvanarayan, Ashoka University alumna Aishwarya Sunaad, Nanjangud CMC employees and others seen during the launch of Civinc portal at Nanjangud on Friday.

Nanjangud, Oct. 26 (BCT)- In a pioneering step toward digital governance, Nanjangud has become the first City Municipal Council (CMC) in India to digitise its civic data through 'Civinc', a first-of-its-kind mobile application and online portal developed at Ashoka University.

The innovative platform consolidates information and contact details of local elected representatives and municipal employees onto a single, easy-to-use interface, enabling citizens to directly connect with officials responsible for addressing civic issues.

An initiative spearheaded by Nanjangud MLA Darshan Dhruvanarayan, the project allows residents to scan QR codes installed in each locality to instantly access details of officers handling tasks such as garbage clearance, road repair, water supply or voter ID changes and even contact them via phone with a single click.

This digitisation drive marks a significant milestone for non-metro cities, setting an example for technology-driven, transparent and accountable governance across India.

Official launch in Nanjangud

The 'Civinc' portal was officially launched in Nanjangud on Friday by MLA Darshan Dhruvanarayan in the presence of Aishwarya Sunaad, Head of Concept Development and Research at Civinc; Srikanta, President of Nanjangud CMC; Vijaya, Municipal Commissioner and B.N. Mythravathi, Assistant Executive Engineer (Environment).

Employees of Nanjangud City Municipal Council, dignitaries and members of local citizen groups and NGOs also attended the event.

Conceptualised by Ashoka University alumna Aishwarya Sunaad under the mentorship of Dr. Debayan Gupta, Assistant Professor of Computer Science at Ashoka University, Civinc — a portmanteau of 'civic' and 'link' — was designed to bridge the gap between citizens and their governing bodies.

Transparent governance

The platform provides direct access to the contacts of Corporators, Councillors, ward-level department heads and municipal employees responsible for essential civic services such as sanitation, garbage collection, road maintenance, property tax, and building licenses.

Unlike traditional grievance portals, Civinc fosters real-time, transparent communication between citizens and officials. It uses ward-specific QR code boards placed across the city; when scanned, they display contact details of officials handling specific civic issues. Citizens need not download the app separately to raise grievances.

Additionally, Civinc empowers users to update or correct outdated information and features a unique performance review system for municipal employees, promoting civic engagement and administrative accountability.

Speaking after the launch, Darshan Dhruvanarayan said: "Nanjangud is proud to lead the way as the first non-metro city in the country to digitise its civic data. Giving citizens direct access to officials responsible for essential services makes governance more transparent, responsive and efficient."

Mysuru-born researcher leads concept development

Aishwarya Sunaad

Mysuru, Oct. 26 (BCT)- Mysuru-born Aishwarya Sunaad serves as the Head of Concept Development and Research at Civinc, where her contribution to the mobile app has been instrumental.

In building Civinc — India's first Digital Public Good (DPG) aimed at making the country's non-metro cities technologically empowered by digitising their civic data at zero cost — Aishwarya drew on the research of Nobel Laureate Dr. Abhijit Banerjee to conceptualise the intervention.

A research scholar at the University of Oxford, Aishwarya previously studied Sociology and Anthropology at Ashoka University. Her work traverses disciplines, spanning anthropological research, social impact initiatives and the venture capital & startup incubation space.

Her interests lie in innovating technology for social impact and governance, rural livelihood development, education and building businesses that address under-represented markets, having launched her first business at the age of 18. She also writes reportage and literary non-fiction as an extension of her research. Born and raised in Mysuru, Aishwarya moved to Delhi for her undergraduate studies. She is the daughter of writer Sunaad Raghuram and entrepreneur Geetha Ramakrishna, residents of Kuvempunagar in Mysuru.

Students call to save Mysuru lakes, environment

JSS Arts, Commerce and Science College Chief Executive Prof. B.V. Sambashivaiah watering the sapling to inaugurate the interaction programme at the College in city on Friday as others look on.

Mysuru, Oct. 26 (MTY&VNS)- Students of city's JSS Arts, Commerce and Science College, have called for conservation of important lakes in Mysuru including Kukkarahalli Lake, Lingambudhi Lake and Undabatti Lake along with prioritising usage of bicycles to save environment.

The decision was the outcome during a interactive programme jointly organised by the Department of Sociology of JSS Arts, Commerce and Science College, Ooty Road, Rural Literacy and Health Programme (RLHP) and Karnataka State Youth Network at JSS College auditorium in city on Friday.

During the interaction, the students highlighted that important lakes in Mysuru city were being polluted with sewage water let into the water body and added that there was a need to create awareness on using bicycles and public transport to reduce the pollution level.

The students insisted that government authorities must mandate for installation of rain water harvesting system for all newly constructed buildings and stop chopping of trees for roads development. "Authorities must also deploy electric buses for city transport to reduce pollution and continue with the ban on single use plastic at tourist locations," they added.

Presiding over the event, College Chief Executive Prof. B.V. Sambashivaiah called for judicious use of water and other natural resources to prevent pollution and conserving nature.

Stating that usage of solar energy had increased to 40MW in Mysuru, Prof. Sambashivaiah added that nearly 63 percent of renewable energy was being used in Mysuru which was good development for State's eco-friendly initiatives.

RLHP Director Saraswathi, Senior Assistant Horticulture Director Y.N. Mamata, Agriculture Officer Venkatesh, Writer Kusuma Ayarahalli, Hemalatha of Tourism Department, Principal Dr. M. Prabhu, Sociology Department Head Dr. Somashekar and others were present.

'Only select Cong. leaders are pushing RSS ban'

India Foundation Chairman Dr. Ram Madhav calls ban attempts political, futile & divisive

Mysuru, Oct. 26 (PM&BCT)- It is not the intention of everyone in the Karnataka Congress Government to ban or regulate the activities of the RSS. This is merely the agenda of a few leaders, opined Author and India Foundation Chairman Dr. Ram Madhav.

He was speaking at an interactive session titled *'RSS 100 - Centenary Year of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)'* organised by Manthana Mysuru and Sri Jana Jagarana Trust, Mysuru, at Vedika Auditorium, Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC), Vijayanagar 1st Stage, Mysuru, last evening.

Star of Mysore and *Mysuru Mithra* Managing Editor Vikram Muthanna, who moderated the session, asked Dr. Ram Madhav, "The Karnataka Congress Government has taken steps to regulate or ban RSS activities in public spaces and has even moved to restrict Government employees from participating in RSS activities. What is your opinion on this?"

Responding with a smile, Dr. Ram Madhav remarked, "Good luck to them," and added that not everyone in the Congress Government shares such views. "Some leaders have perhaps taken this up as their personal agenda and are moving forward accordingly," he observed.

Political agenda

He further stated that historically, the RSS has faced such situations effectively. "Based on my experience, there is nothing behind this except political motives," Dr. Madhav said.

"Imposing restrictions on the RSS may be part of certain individuals' internal and political agendas. However, RSS has proven its resilience time and again. Even among members of Congress Government, several acknowledge that RSS is doing good work, though they privately say, 'We have our own political objectives.' That is why I said, 'Good luck to them'," he added.

Citing history, Dr. Madhav said, "The RSS has faced bans three times. In 1980, when a proposal to ban the RSS was brought before Indira Gandhi, she reportedly told her party members that the RSS is like a rubber ball — the harder you hit it to the ground, the stronger it bounces back."

Sri Jana Jagarana Trust Mysuru President R. Vasudev Bhat is seen lighting the lamp during the inauguration of an interactive session titled 'RSS 100' at Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture in city last evening as** (from right) **Author and India Foundation Chairman Dr. Ram Madhav and** Star of Mysore **and** Mysuru Mithra **Managing Editor Vikram Muthanna look on.

Over 30 Court judgments

He asserted that attempts to regulate or ban the RSS are inappropriate. "Over the past 100 years, at least 30 Court judgments have gone against efforts to control the RSS. The organisation has even published a book on this. Hence, banning the RSS or preventing Government employees from participating in its activities is simply not possible," he said.

"There is no political agenda or anti-national element in RSS activities. Therefore, imposing restrictions on Government employees engaging with the RSS is unjustified," he noted.

Addressing misconceptions, Dr. Ram Madhav stated that many people have a mistaken understanding of RSS, particularly in Karnataka, where continuous negative propaganda has contributed to this perception.

Open to society

"Since its inception, the organisation has faced such misunderstandings. Earlier, the RSS may not have effectively communicated the concept of Hindutva, and some have wrongly portrayed it as a separatist ideology. But Hindutva is simply a way of life rooted in the principles of Hinduism," he explained.

He pointed out that until the 1990s, the RSS did not even have a publicity wing. "Because of that, many people spread baseless claims against the organisation, and RSS did not respond. This also contributed to misconceptions. However, in recent years, the RSS has opened itself to society and engaged actively with the community, helping to dispel many of these misunderstandings," he said.

Constitutionally secular, culturally Hindu

Speaking on secularism, Dr. Madhav said, "In 1949, many suggested including the word 'secular' in the Preamble of our Constitution, but Dr. B.R. Ambedkar reportedly said it was unnecessary. According to him, we are naturally secular as a nation. Our principle is to treat everyone with equal respect — it is neither about imposing nor rejecting any belief," he noted.

"Ours has always been a society rooted in spiritual values, which we call 'Sarva Dharma Sama Bhava' — equal respect for all faiths. That is why Dr. Ambedkar asked, 'Why add a term that confuses?' Jawaharlal Nehru also had said such words could create conflict. The RSS is not opposed to secularism; it supports Indian spirit of respecting all cultures," he asserted.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa, Sri Jana Jagarana Trust Mysuru President R. Vasudev Bhat, entrepreneur Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy, Dr. N. Chandrashekar of Aadithya Adhikari Hospital and several other dignitaries were present.

'RSS has no enemies; often misunderstood'

Dr. Ram Madhav addressing the gathering at JCAC yesterday.

Mysuru, Oct. 26 (PM&BCT)- The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) has never considered anyone its enemy, though many may have perceived the organisation as theirs, said senior RSS leader and India Foundation Chairman Dr. Ram Madhav. "We have never had any enemies in the past, and we still don't," he said.

"I have worked with the RSS for four decades and have realised that understanding the RSS is difficult — but misinterpreting it is very easy," he added.

"Our aim was never to create a secretive institution. Dr. Hedgewar's vision was clear — all activities should be carried out openly and transparently. Ironically, today, some opponents want the same openly functioning RSS branches to move into closed rooms and operate secretly."

Responding to a question from the audience, Dr. Madhav said, "Every individual, every day, every moment must be patriotic. We must strive for a caste-free society and ensure that every person receives fundamental rights."

Speak of RSS agenda for the coming years, he said that an initiative titled 'Pancha Parivartana' (Five Transformations) has begun aimed at promoting Indian values such as social harmony, family unity, environmental protection, swadeshi and self-reliance, and civic responsibility.

LED streetlights save MCC Rs. 1.5 crore a month

76,000 functioning LED streetlights provide an eco-friendly alternative

Mysuru, Oct. 26 (MK&BCT)- The widespread installation of eco-friendly LED (light-emitting diode) streetlights across Mysuru has led to significant electricity savings and a monthly financial benefit of over Rs. 1.5 crore for Mysuru City Corporation (MCC).

To reduce power consumption and operational costs, the city began replacing conventional streetlights with LED fixtures under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) in 2021. As of now, approximately 76,000 LED streetlights are operational across the city.

Annual expenditure on streetlighting has steadily declined. Previously, monthly electricity bills exceeded Rs. 2 crore. Today, the cost has dropped to around Rs. 80–90 lakh.

Estimates show that the city spent Rs. 1.26 crore in 2023, Rs. 1.14 crore in 2024, and is projected to spend Rs. 88 lakh in 2025. This transition to LED lighting is saving the corporation roughly Rs. 1.5 crore every month.

'Substantial financial benefits'

"The LED streetlight network in Mysuru city has resulted in approximately 60-70 percent electricity savings, along with substantial financial benefits. Previously, the annual expenditure was around Rs. 30 crore. Today, we're saving nearly Rs. 1.5 crore every month."

—Shaikh Tanveer Asif, Commissioner, MCC

"By replacing conventional streetlights with LED fixtures, we've not only introduced eco-friendly lighting but also significantly reduced financial burden on City Corporation. Our maintenance systems are robust, we respond to complaints immediately, with dedicated teams in place. This initiative is propelling Mysuru toward becoming a smart & green city.

—Deepak, Executive Engineer, MCC Electrical Division

Handed over to IDECK

The initial implementation was managed by CGN Green Energy until August 2024. Since then, the responsibility has been handed over to IDECK (Infrastructure Development Corporation (Karnataka) Limited).

Originally, the proposal included installing 60,000 LED lights across Mysuru city and the Outer Ring Road. However, excluding the Outer Ring Road, the city alone now hosts 76,000 functioning LED streetlights, Executive Engineer A.E. Deepak from the MCC Electrical Division, told *Star of Mysore*.

Centralised monitoring

A dedicated control system has been set up at the Vani Vilasa Water Works campus to monitor the streetlight network 24/7. If any streetlight remains on during daylight hours, the system detects it and switches it off immediately — preventing unnecessary power usage and further reducing costs.

The installed LED lights are of high quality, with a lifespan of 3-4 years or more. Faulty units are promptly replaced. On average, 20–25 complaints are received daily and maintenance team responds swiftly by visiting the site and resolving issues.

Outer Ring Road streetlights

The responsibility for maintaining the streetlight network along Mysuru's 42.2-km Outer Ring Road has been officially entrusted to MCC. The tender process for selecting a maintenance agency is currently underway.

There are a total of 4,468 LED streetlights installed along the stretch. The proposed maintenance contract spans a period of three years, with an estimated cost of Rs. 1.27 crore.

More than 3,000 take part in 'Mysuru Marathon'

Mysuru, Oct. 26 (MTY&VNS)- A total of 3,417 participants took part in the 'Mysuru Marathon' organised by Department of Posts, Karnataka Circle in Mysuru as part of World Post Day celebrations in association with India Post and Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, Government of Karnataka, here this morning.

The marathon was flagged-off by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Waidyar in front of Postal Training Centre at Nazarbad.

Following which he took part in the 10K Run.

The event was held in five categories including Marathon (42K), Half Marathon (21K) and 10K in competition category and 5K and 3K in non-competition category.

Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle K. Prakash, Postmaster General, South Karnataka Region Dr. Chandrashekar Kakumanu, Postal Service (Karnataka) Director Sandesh Mahadevappa and Centre of Excellence in Postal Technology (CoEPT) General Manager Dr. Sharavanan and others were present.

RESULTS

Marathon (42K) - Men: 1. C.S. Lakshmeesha (03:10:09 sec), **2.** Akshy Sridhar (03:10:51 sec), **3.** S. Sathvik (03:15:16 sec)

Women: 1. Bijoya Barman (03:40:04 sec), **2.** H.K. Anuradha (04:26:28 sec), **3.** N.K. Harshitha (04:37:38 sec)

Half Marathon (21K) - Men: 1. Shailesh Kushwaha (01:12:53 sec), **2.** S.N. Shreedhara (01:16:13 sec), **3.** Y.S. Deekshith (01:30:09 sec)

Women: 1. Sudha Kandi (02:08:30 sec), **2.** Meera Ashok (02:12:14 sec), **3.** Aratrika Paul (02:12:25 sec)

10K Run - Men: 1. Ganapathi (00:37:12 sec), **2.** S. Sumanth (00:37:16 sec), **3.** Manash Barman (00:38:12 sec)

Women: 1. M. Veena (00:55:50 sec), **2.** R. Rachana (00:56:37 sec), **3.** N.R. Shobha (00:56:54 sec).

Gets Research Fellowship

Mysuru, Oct. 26 (BS)- Dr. S. Jyothilakshmi from Centre for Inclusive Growth and Development, Mysore has been awarded a Research Fellowship by Karnataka Arebhashe Literature and Culture Academy.

Dr. Jyothilakshmi

According to Director of National Centre for Inclusive Growth and Development Research Trust, Vinayakanagar here, Jyothilakshmi, will conduct a study titled 'Struggles and Challenges of First Generation Employed Arebhashe speaking women." The research will be carried out across Mysuru, Kodagu and Dakshina Kannada districts.

The primary objective of this study is to document social, culture and familial barriers faced by first-generation women of arebhashe speaking community and to identify the positive impacts on younger generation.

Dr. Jyothilakshmi, has PhD in Economics from KSOU in 2024. She researched under the guidance of Dr. Shivakumaraswamy.

Dogs show off their skills

Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda offering floral tributes to the portraits of former MLA late Vasu and Founder-Editor of Star of Mysore and Mysuru Mithra late Dr. K.B. Ganapathy prior to the inauguration of the Dog Show as Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former Mysore University VC Prof. K.S. Rangappa, Canine Club of Mysore President B.P. Manjunath and others look on.

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The event was inaugurated by MLA G.T. Devegowda. Among those present were Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, MLAs T.S. Srivatsa, K. Harishgowda, former MLA L. Nagendra, Legislative Council Member K. Vivekananda and Canine Club of Mysore President B.P. Manjunath, among others.

Before the inauguration, the guests paid floral tributes to late MLA Vasu and *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* Founder-Editor late Dr. K.B. Ganapathy as a mark of respect.

The show drew 432 entries representing 53 breeds from across India, with participants arriving from Ranchi, Bengaluru, Mysuru, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Many owners transported their prized dogs in specially equipped air-conditioned vehicles fitted with air coolers, ice trays and other cooling aids to ensure their comfort.

53 breeds

Among the featured breeds were Australian Shepherd, Belgian Malinois, German Shepherd (Normal and Long Coat), Welsh Corgi (Pembroke), Boxer, Saint Bernard, Doberman, Dogo Argentino, Great Dane, Caravan Hound, Miniature Pinscher, Perro de Presa Canario, Rottweiler, Australian Silky Terrier, Fox Terrier, Jack Russell Terrier, Yorkshire Terrier, Dachshund (Smooth, Long and Wire Haired) and Pomeranian.

Other popular breeds on display included Siberian Husky, Basset Hound, Beagle-Harrier, Dalmatian, English Pointer, German Short-haired Pointer, Irish Setter, Golden Retriever, Labrador Retriever, American Cocker Spaniel, Chihuahua, French Bulldog, Toy Poodle, Pug, Shih Tzu, Saluki, Whippet, and several Indian native breeds such as Chippiparai, Combai, Kanni, Mudhol Hound, Pashmi, and Rajapalayam.

Obedience rounds

The dogs charmed the crowds with their elegance and discipline. Obedience rounds showcasing the bond between handlers and their dogs received special applause. Competitions were held in three rounds, with dogs judged on appearance, gait, health, tooth structure, coat quality, and overall temperament.

The judging panel included noted experts — C.V. Sudarshan, who has earned distinction in dog show judging across India; International Judge Derrick Seow Nam Soon, a life member of The Malaysia Kennel Association and Mysuru's judge M.R. Manjunath.

All participating dogs were microchipped and required to display registration numbers during inspection at the main gate. The organisers also arranged tents for participants and set up counters selling pedigree feeds and other dog-care essentials.

Canine Club of Mysore Vice-Presidents Dr. D.T. Jayaramaiah and Dr. H.C. Suresh, Secretary Dr. H. Sanjeev Murthy, Joint Secretaries T. Shashikumar, M.H. Tejaswi and L.S. Sandeep, Treasurer M.C. Vinod Kumar and several dignitaries were present.

Canal land used for layout at Belagola!

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Following this, Belagola Revenue Inspector C. Basavaraju filed a complaint at KRS Police Station, seeking legal action under Sections 19A and 95 of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964.

During the inquiry, Puttaswamy admitted to having conducted a spot inspection in the presence of the applicant and signing the mahazar (inspection report). However, his failure to record that 14 guntas of the land belonged to CNNL was deemed a serious dereliction of duty.

Misrepresentation in documents

Further records show that the 14 guntas were officially acquired for the Varuna Canal as per a notification dated 28.8.1999, with a compensation of Rs. 29,199 paid to landowner Venkatalakshmamma.

Despite this, the land continued to be misrepresented in revenue documents and was later sold by Basavaraju — who held ownership in 2013 — to Veerabhadraiah on 10.1.2013, including the encroached portion.

A site inspection later confirmed the encroachment, and based on findings, a recommendation for prosecution was made.

The DC's order concluded that Jayaramamurthy and Puttaswamy had failed in their official responsibilities and had facilitated the illegal conversion of the entire 2.13-acre land, including the Government-owned portion, constituting a clear act of misconduct under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

Cyber fraud: Two lose Rs. 31 lakh

Mysuru, Oct. 26 (BS)- In separate cases, two persons have lost over Rs. 31 lakh to cyber criminals, adding to the spurt in cases involving tech savvy crooks targeting gullible persons.

In the first case, a self-employed woman, residing at K.R. Srinivasan IPS Nagar, had come across a trading related advertisement on social media. She clicked the link provided in the advertisement and registered her name and mobile number.

She instantly received a reply from one Raghav Ramachandra, who sent a link through e-mail. With the help of the link provided, she had opened her trading account.

A person by name Nikhil Gowda, contacted the woman and introduced himself as the Financial Advisor and shared the information related to High Value Trading.

Another person, named Suraj Reddy, contacted the woman and introduced as Financial Advisor, only to assure her about high returns on investment made in trading.

The woman, who came in their words, invested Rs. 19,74,700, by transferring the money in instalments. Once, when she tried to withdraw the amount, she was asked to pay tax for the same. The woman duly obliged and paid the tax, to find it difficult to withdraw the money again.

Upon realising that she has been cheated, the woman lodged a complaint at CEN Police Station.

In the second case, a resident of Nadahalli, Mysuru taluk, downloaded APK files received on her mobile phone only to lose Rs. 11,69,600.

The amount was transferred from her account in a nationalised bank to an unknown person's account, from Oct. 21 to 23.

CEN Police have registered a case and are investigating.

Inter-School badminton competition inaugurated

Rev. Fr. Renish P. Varghese is seen serving the shuttlecock to mark the inauguration of the CCA PAZZO Inter-School Badminton Competition, organised by Carmel Catholic Association (CCA), Mysuru, at De Paul International Residential School in Belagola of Srirangapatna taluk in Mandya this morning as (from left) Principal of De Paul International Residential School Rev. Fr. Anish Xavier CM, CCA President Joseph Mathew, Vice-President (Works) of JK Tyre and Industries Ltd., Mysuru V. Eswara Rao, CCA PAZZO Badminton Tournament Convenor Lijo V. George and Kiran look on. Picture right shows school children taking part in the competition.

Hooping Success

From Mysuru's basketball courts to international glory — Shravani Shivanna's inspiring journey

She's just 16, yet she has already brought laurels to Mysuru and Karnataka. Representing the Indian U-16 Women's Team, that clinched the championship title at the recently concluded FIBA (Fédération Internationale de Basketball Amateur) U-16 Women's Asia Cup 2025 (Division B) in Malaysia, Shravani Shivanna has swiftly made her mark in India's basketball circuit. Class XI student at Excel Public School, Mysuru, Shravani aspires to captain the senior Indian Women's Team. Recognising her achievement, the school management honoured her with the Prof. M.H. Dhananjaya Scholarship, offering a 75 percent concession on tuition fees.

She is the daughter of Vanishree, a teacher at Excel Public School, and Shivanna, a basketball coach. The family resides in Kuvempunagar, and her elder brother, Sagar Shivanna, is a musician.

Star of Mysore **caught up with Shravani for a conversation about her journey, experiences and aspirations in basketball.** Excerpts...

Star of Mysore (SOM): What made you choose basketball as the sport of your interest?

Shravani: I draw inspiration from my father, who was a national-level player. He used to take me to the basketball court when I was very young, and I always wanted to make him proud.

It began as a hobby, but after my first Nationals in 2022, when I represented the Karnataka team, I realised I wanted to take it seriously. My dad also began giving me extra coaching sessions, and that motivated me to take the road less travelled.

SOM: Now that you've been part of the India U-16 team, how do you feel about the journey so far?

Shravani: The journey has been quite tough. Basketball isn't a sport that receives widespread support, but my parents have always encouraged me to pursue what I love. In the beginning, I didn't find basketball very enjoyable — it was hard balancing academics and training.

But once I truly fell in love with the game, everything became easier to handle. Honestly, I never imagined I'd make it to the Karnataka team, let alone the Indian camp. But I grabbed every opportunity that came my way, and that's what led me here.

SOM: What's your daily routine like, and how do you balance basketball with academics?

Shravani: That's actually a tough question! To be honest, I barely study. My basketball routine is very intense — I train for about five and a half hours every evening, from 5 pm to 10.30 pm.

Before joining the India camp, I also practiced athletics in the mornings to build my speed and stamina. It was pretty hectic, especially when I was preparing for my Class X Board exams. Now that I'm in Class XI and most events are done, I plan to take a month or two to catch up on the studies I've missed.

SOM: The growth of basketball compared to other sports in Karnataka?

Shravani: Basketball has definitely been improving in Karnataka over the last five to ten years. Of course, cricket remains the favourite for most people, but I believe parents should let their children follow their passion if they want to succeed.

To make basketball more popular, we need to organise more tournaments and provide better facilities. In countries like USA, players get to compete every week or month, but here, we hardly get to play four or five tournaments a year at the district or national level.

SOM: How have your parents and school supported you in your endeavours?

Shravani: My school has supported me from day one. Both Principal K.G. Mathew and Vice-Principal Gubain Mathew have been incredibly encouraging, always allowing me to attend every camp I was selected for. They've been kind enough to provide me with the necessary attendance and academic support, which has helped me focus on the court with a clear and positive mind to give my best for the State and the Country.

As for my parents, they have been my strongest pillars of support. My mother has been my emotional anchor, while my father has been the driving force behind improving my basketball skills. I truly wouldn't have reached this level without their constant support and guidance.

SOM: Can you share your experience at the FIBA U-16 Women's Asia Cup?

Shravani: It has been one of the best experiences of my life so far. For the first time, I truly felt the intensity of international-level competition — playing alongside incredible players and learning from some of the best coaches. I'm really proud to have been part of an Indian team that maintained its unity and fighting spirit till the very end. Personally, I'm happy with my performance. Of course, there's always room for improvement, but I'm grateful for the opportunity to play in such a prestigious tournament.

SOM: Now that you've represented the country at the junior level, what are your future goals?

Shravani: I've always dreamed of becoming the captain of the senior Indian Women's Team. My long-term goal is to help India qualify for the Olympics by progressing through Division B and A. In the short term, I aim to represent India in the U-18 Women's Team at the 2028 Asian Cup. I want to give my absolute best and keep improving to reach the next level.

Shravani with her father & coach Shivanna and mother Vanishree.

Couple killed in car-tipper collision

Three-year-old boy among three seriously injured

Gundlupet, Oct. 26 (SOMG&KS)- A couple from Kerala was killed on the spot while three persons including a three-year-old boy sustained serious injuries when their car collided head-on with a tipper vehicle near Madapatna Gate in Gundlupet taluk on NH-766 yesterday.

The deceased couple have been identified as Basheer (53) and his wife Nashima (43), residents of Madaki Male in Wayanad in Kerala, while the seriously injured are their relatives, 32-year-old Mohammed Rafi, 28-year-old Jashira and the deceased couple's three-year-old son Azeem. The injured have been admitted to a private hospital in Mysuru. It is learnt that the couple was heading home town, after returning from Malaysia trip.

The couple, who came to Bengaluru from Malaysia on Friday midnight, reached Mysuru in a bus from when they were travelling in their car (KL-12-J-4141) towards Kerala. As the vehicle neared Madapatna Gate, the car allegedly collided head-on with tipper (KL-32-R-6-77), killing the couple on the spot and leaving three others seriously injured. The driver of the tipper fled from the spot.

Basheer who was driving the car was smashed beyond recognition, while Nashima, who was seated next to him, was thrown out of the car due to the impact.

Begur Police, who reached the spot, shifted the injured to a private hospital in Mysuru. The bodies were shifted to hospital for post-mortem. The Police cleared the vehicles from the road and made way for traffic.

First aid can save many lives: Dr. Prakash

Dr. B. Prakash of St. John's Ambulance Association delivering a talk on Industrial First Aid at Rotary Mysore Centre on JLB Road in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Oct. 26 (MTY&VNS)- It is important for people to learn about administration of first aid in case of accidents when doctors are not available on the spot at industries or any other places, said Dr. B. Prakash of St. John's Ambulance Association.

He was speaking at a one-day workshop on Industrial First Aid organised by National Institute of Personnel Management (NIPM), Mysuru Chapter, in association with Department of Factories and Boilers, Government of Karnataka, Mysuru Division at Rotary Mysore Centre on JLB Road in city yesterday.

Explaining about first aid, Dr. Prakash said at times of accidents, administering water to victims can prove dangerous as there were changes of water entering the wind pipe which can be life threatening. He also said that in case a person suffers a deep cut, one should apply firm, direct pressure to the wound to stop the blood flow.

"Learning about administration of first aid can help in saving lives at times when doctors are not available. Providing details about the victims' health history to doctors at the hospital will help in providing accurate treatment," he added.

Stating that it was important to observe facial changes of the victims, Dr. Prakash said for a person suffering from breathing issues, the face would turn blue and similar in case of a snake bite. The face will turn pale on person becoming unconscious and red in case of head injuries.

He also explained frothing from the mouth can also be observed during a snake bite or when a person consumes poison and also foul smell from the mouth when a person consumes poison or narcotic drugs. Later, Dr. Prakash explained about first aid using presentation. Department of Factories and Boilers M.S. Mahadev and others were present on the occasion.

Cousins drown while trying to rescue boy

Mysuru, Oct. 26 (MTY&KS)- Cousins, who jumped into Varuna Canal to rescue a boy have met their watery grave.

The tragedy took place near Badagalahundi village in the taluk yesterday afternoon.

The deceased have been identified as Nandan (25), son of Ramesh and Rakesh (20), son of Ravi of Badagalahundi village. Ramesh and Ravi, fathers of the deceased are brothers. Nandan had got married to his lover 15 days ago under Police protection as his parents had opposed the marriage, Police said.

Details: Yesterday afternoon, a 15-year-old boy, who was swimming in the Varuna Sub-Canal got exhausted and began to drown in the canal. At about 2.30 pm, Nandan and Rakesh, who were proceeding on their bike to spread manure to their agri field, saw the boy drowning and both jumped into the sub-canal to rescue the boy. But the boy, who caught a plant on the edge of the sub-canal, managed to climb on

Nandan *Rakesh*

the banks of the canal.

As the water was flowing in full force, Nandan and Rakesh, despite knowing how to swim were swept away. Meanwhile, the boy, who saw the cousins being swept away, shouted for help, which alerted the villagers. But the cousins had disappeared in the waters by then.

The villagers immediately contacted the officials concerned requesting them to stop the water flow into Varuna Sub-Canal following which the officials responded immediately and reduced the water flow to the sub-canal.

Later, a search for the cousins was launched and their bodies were traced about 600 metres away from the spot where they had jumped and were fished out of the canal.

Mysuru Rural Inspector Shivananjashetty, Varuna Sub-Inspector Sadashiva Tippareddy and staff reached the spot, conducted mahazar and shifted the bodies to MMC&RI mortuary.

Post-mortem was conducted this morning and the bodies were handed over to the respective family members.

Obituary

Kannan

Mysuru, Oct. 26- Kannan (72), retired Railway employee and a native of Gandhinagar, who was residing at Kesare, passed away yesterday in city. He leaves behind his wife, one son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the Hindu Burial Grounds near P&T Quarters in Udayagiri this afternoon.

Bank job: Woman gets one year jail for cheating

Mysuru, Oct. 26 (SPN&BS)- The First Additional CJM Court, has sentenced a woman convicted of cheating to one-year rigorous imprisonment, besides imposing a fine of Rs. 10,000. The Court has ordered to pay Rs. 2.5 lakh as compensation to complainant in the case.

S. Sneha, 32 years, resident of Lokanayak Nagar, Hebbal main road is the convict. L. Suneetha, daughter of L. Kumari, a resident of Ganesh Nagar, N.R. Mohalla, is the complainant.

Sneha, who had introduced herself as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Samrudhi Care, had befriended Suneetha, assuring to facilitate a job in the verification section of a private bank. To arrange the job, the convict had obtained Rs. 2.5 lakh from the complainant. She had even documented about the money received from complainant, in her company letter head.

Later, Sneha went back on her assurance and even failed to return the money collected from Suneetha. Following Suneetha's persistent demand to return the money, Sneha had issued a cheque for Rs.15,500, despite knowing that, there was no money in her bank account. Sneha, had demanded Suneetha to return the documents, failing which she had issued a murder threat to Suneetha and her mother Kumari.

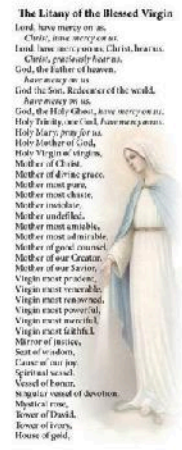
A case had been registered in this regard at Metagalli Police station.

ASI Venkatachari, who had investigated the case, had submitted a charge sheet to First Additional CJM Court. Judge A.G. Shilpa, who heard the arguments, pronounced the judgment, as the accused was found guilty in the case.

Under Section 406 and 420 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), the convict has been sentenced to one year imprisonment and imposed Rs. 20,000 fine.

Assistant Public Prosecutor (APP) K. Prakash, argued the case on behalf of the prosecution.

WORD OF THE DAY

Litany

Pronunciation: LIT-uh-nee (Noun)
Meaning: Litany usually refers to a long list of complaints, problems, etc. It can also refer to a sizable series or set, a lengthy recitation, a repetitive chant, or a particular kind of call-and-response prayer.
Origin: How do we love the word litany? Let us count the ways. We love its original 13th century meaning, still in use today, referring to a call-and-response prayer in which a series of lines are spoken alternately by a leader and a congregation. We love how litany has developed in the intervening centuries three figurative senses, and we love each of these as well: first, a sense meaning "repetitive chant"; next, the "lengthy recitation" sense owing to the repetitious—and sometimes interminable — nature of the original litany; and finally, an even broader sense referring to any sizeable series or set. Though litanies of this third sort tend to be unpleasant, we choose today to think of the loveliness found in the idea of "a litany of sonnets by Elizabeth Barrett Browning."
Example: "Out spilled the litany of all the names of all the things you thought I still feared: A big, bad wolf, a two-headed snake, a balding hyena, a beast dropped from the sky, an earthquake, a devil with red bells around its neck. Your words were steady, steeped in the old stories, but my eyes flicked to the window, unafraid. I was too old for easy monsters." — Raaza Jamshed, What Kept You?: Fiction, 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Jiqui

Cuban timber tree with hard wood very resistant to moisture

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Don't Count Your Chickens before They Hatch

Meaning: When you say 'Don't Count Your Chickens before They Hatch' you mean that it's important to avoid any hastiness when evaluating the assets you have available.
Origin: The origin of the expression 'don't count your chickens before they hatch' is a direct reference to the fact that eggs sometimes fail to hatch, reducing the number of live chicks in a clutch. The first printed example is seen in a 1570 work by Thomas Howell, New Sonnets and Pretty Pamphlets: "Count not they chickens that unhatched be, weigh words as wind till though find certainty."
Example: "I'm going to go to Hawaii when my bonus comes in." Answer: "Don't count your chickens before they hatch!"

QUOTE BOX

The less we deserve good fortune, the more we hope for it.

—Lucius Annaeus Seneca

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

TEAR BURST TIER

Answer: Burst Into Tears.

SUDOKU

3					2			7
7	4				3		5	
		5						
	9		8		5			
		7				6		
			2		4		7	
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	2		1				4	8
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Answer to previous puzzle

1	9	6	8	3	4	2	5	7
4	5	3	2	6	7	1	9	8
7	8	2	1	9	5	3	6	4
5	3	7	6	4	9	8	2	1
8	1	4	7	5	2	6	3	9
6	2	9	3	1	8	4	7	5
3	4	1	5	7	6	9	8	2
2	6	5	9	8	1	7	4	3
9	7	8	4	2	3	5	1	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Toss slowly
4 Performance Mgmnt. Sys.
7 Mr Morrison of the Doors
10 Rather long time interval
11 Airlines Electronic Engineering Comm.
13 North Mexican town - "oats" anagram?
14 Balcony
16 Has
17 More prepared to start any particular activity
19 Capital of Meghalaya
21 Course Deviation Indicator
24 Expression of grief
25 First man in space
27 Adulated or adored
29 Rebuff
30 Suffer greatly
33 Concerning (2,2)
34 PC key
35 Elastic
38 Egyptian king
39 Assistant
42 Staggered, swayed or tossed about
46 Way of walking
47 Irish lough - "Rene" anagram?
48 Three main blood groups
49 Printing measures
50 Distress call
51 Fly-by-night

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	O	G			S	A	G		B	A	L	T
T	U	E			A	M	I		A	X	I	S
N	I	T	R	O	G	E	N		G	L	E	E
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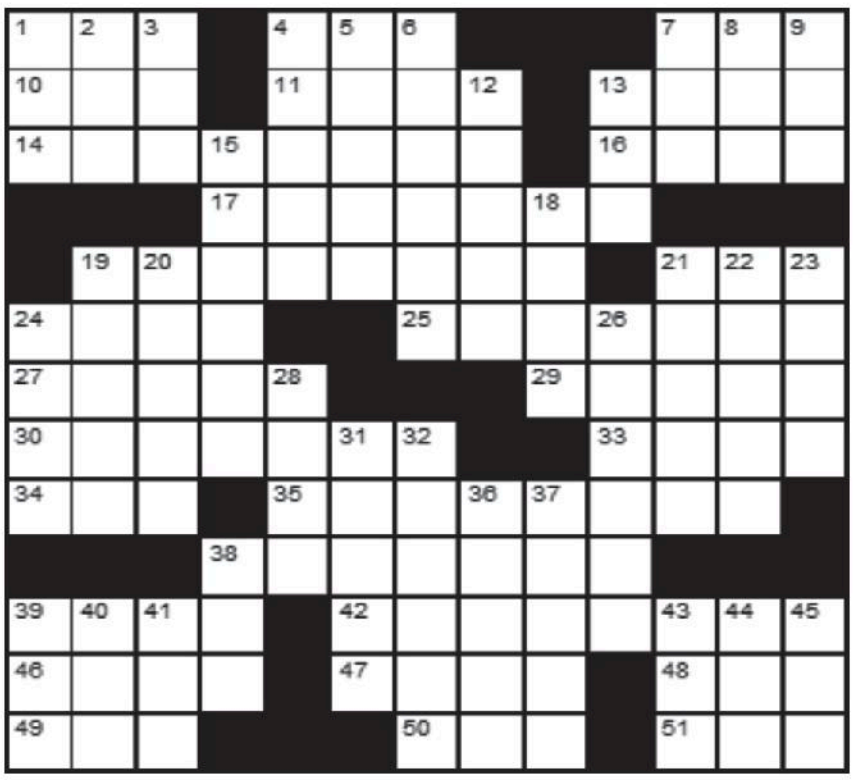
E	A	R	L		A	R	A	C	H	N	I	D
R	A	G	E		N	O	R			E	T	C
G	R	E	Y		S	R	I			R	O	I

DOWN

1 Monetary unit of Bulgaria
2 Mineral source
3 Pub
4 Television game group?
5 Military decoration
6 A marine barker!
7 Tooth-bearing bone
8 Charged atom
9 Short for 'manuscripts'
12 Porcelain
13 Rocky hill
15 Ascend or come forth
18 ___ on : incites
19 Whacks or hits hard
20 Mayhem
21 Have a ___ on : feel very attracted to, in a way?
22 Unclean or filthy
23 __ __ uncertain terms : quite emphatically? (2,2)
24 Wings or winglike parts
26 American Red Indian
28 Plate
31 Declare or say assertively
32 Mistakes
36 Vegetarians __ __ meat ? (3,2)
37 Carries
38 Make a fuss of
39 Grow old
40 I think therefore _ __? (1,2)
41 Prefix with "cover" and "please"
43 British airforce in short
44 Flow back
45 Get into



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

IYSLNPKUP XB SQ CLS IXYKB: LP IYSL M BAJRPOC

SAZBPNEPB, SZ LP IYSL LVPZP LP OMY

QXYK XYQSZWMCXSY AFSY XC.

TODAY'S CLUE: L EQUALS W

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: You are depriving some poor village of its idiot.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Green (K) - 2 Shows *Dilmaar (K)* - 2 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Bilichukki Hallihakki (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Bison Kaalamaadan (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Dude (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Thamma (H) - 3 Shows
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	(S-2)	10.05 am
	(S-3)	4.05 pm
	(S-4)	12.20 pm, 3.40 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Dude (Ta)	(S-1)	4.20 pm
Nellikkampoyil Night Riders (Ma)	(S-1)	10.30 pm
Green (K)	(S-2)	1.40 pm
Thamma (H)	(S-2)	4.10 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.15 pm
Regretting You (E)	(S-3)	10.40 am, 7.30 pm
Ek Deewane Ki Deewaniyat (H)	(S-3)	1.10 pm, 10 pm
Yaarigu Helbedi (K)	(S-4)	9.50 am

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Yaarigu Helbedi (K)	(S-1)	11.15 am
Green (K)	(S-1)	2.20 pm
Bili Chukki Halli Hakki (K)	(S-1)	4.35 pm
Thamma (H)	(S-1)	7.15 pm
	(S-4)	1 pm, 3.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K)	(S-2)	1 pm, 4.20 pm, 7.45 pm
	(S-3)	10.45 am, 2.30 pm
		6.15 pm, 9.30 pm
Dude (H)	(S-4)	6.50 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (H)	: 8.40 am, 12.05 pm, 3.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K)	: 9.05 am, 9.30 am, 11.30 am, 12.15 pm, 2.55 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.20 pm, 7.05 pm, 9.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Thamma (H)	: 10.00 am, 1.05 pm, 4.10 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Dude (Ta)	: 10.05 am, 7.15 pm
Bison Kaalamaadan (Ta)	: 12.45 pm
Ek Deewane Ki Deewaniyat (H)	: 12.55 pm, 7.20 pm
Regretting You (E)	: 3.55 pm, 10.10 pm
K-Ramp (Te)	: 4.10 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Thamma (H)	: 9.25 am, 12.30 pm, 3.35 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.45 pm
Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K)	: 10.50 am, 11.45 am, 12.15 pm, 2.15 pm, 3.10 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.35 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.00 pm, 10.30 pm
Dude (Ta)	: 6.20 pm
Ek Deewane Ki Deewaniyat (H)	: 9.15 pm

EVENTS TODAY (OCT. 26)

- **Canine Club of Mysore:** All India Championship and Obedience Show (Dog Show), Scouts and Guides Grounds, **up to 7.30 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **3 pm to 10 pm.**
- **Gemini Circus:** Shows at Horse Park Grounds, near Karanji Lake, **4 pm and 7 pm.**
- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade (Paper Pulp) Doll Show by K.S. Raghavendra — Over 500 dolls of Paper Pulp depicting Sri Srinivasa Kalyana, Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mahime and Dashavataradalli Sri Krishna Bala Leele — Inchara Kalakshetra, #149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagar, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **4 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 98867-64542 or 98867-21171]
- **Nataraj Music and Dance Academy:** 2nd Edition of Mysuru Dasara Nrithyotsav-2025 — All India Dance Olympiad and Mysuru National Dance Competition — performing artistes are Vidu. Mithra Naveen of Nadavidyalaya Academy of Music and Dance; Vid. R. Pavan Kumar of Kalarpanam Group of Dance; Vidu. M.B. Nagashree of Shree Nataraja Performing Arts Centre; Dr. Chithra Biligiri of Rangalakshanam Foundation; Vidu. Shrividya Rao of Shri Durga Nrutya Academy and Dr. Kripa Phadke of Nrityagiri Academy of Performing Arts and Research Centre; Dr. Tulsi Ramachandra, Director, Nrityalaya Trust and Thriveni Bharath, Philanthropist, Entrepreneur, Sociopreneur and Hodophile, guests, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **4 pm.**
- **Charu Samskrutika Pratishtana:** 'Charumanjusha-10' cultural programme, featuring a magic show and talking doll show by noted Ventriloquist Suma Rajkumar, Pratishtana premises, SBM & Other Bank Employees Layout, Ring Road, Mysuru, **5 pm.** [Mob: 89711-44897]
- **Sri Male Mahadeshwara Bhakta Mandali:** Sri Male Mahadeshwara Swamy Karthika Masa Puja Mahotsava, Haalaravi and Majjana, Male Mahadeshwara Temple, Janathanagar, Thonachikoppal, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Smt. Bhagirathi & Kuskoor Krishnamurthy Memorial Concert - Vocal recital by Dr. Deepashri Kayampady, accompanied by Vidu. Prithvi Bhaskar on violin, Vid. Nandan Kashyap on mridanga and Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Grand vocal concert by Vidu. Kalavathy Avadooth, accompanied by Vidu. Sindu Sucheran on violin, Vid. H. L. Shivashankar Swamy on mridanga and Vid. Ranganath Chakravarthy on ghata, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Builders Karaoke Club - Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysuru Centre:** 'Raaga Anuraga' featuring old popular Kannada and Hindi film songs by the members of Builders Karaoke Club, Mysore Builders Charitable Trust (MBCT) Auditorium, Akkamahadevi Road, Vishweshwaranagar, **6 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special Training Sessions - Learn & Perform, Simple and Diligent, Saraswati Puja by Swami Hamsananda, Kannada Sahitya Parishat premises, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **6 pm to 6.45 pm;** Sri Saptamatruka Devasthanam, 7th Main Road, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, **7 pm to 7.45 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of play 'Andha Yuga,' written by Dharamvir Bharati, translated by Dr. Siddalinga Pattanashetty and Thippeswamy, directed by Mandya Ramesh, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Chinmaya Mission, Mysuru:** Gita Jnana Yajna, Swami Gahanananda delivers discourse on 'Karma Yoga of Bhagavad Gita - 3rd Chapter,' Shivananda Jnanalaya, Lakshmipuram, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT. 27)

- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade (Paper Pulp) Doll Show by K.S. Raghavendra — Over 500 dolls of Paper Pulp depicting Sri Srinivasa Kalyana, Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mahime and Dashavataradalli Sri Krishna Bala Leele — Inchara Kalakshetra, #149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagar, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **10 am to 1 pm and 4 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Maharaja's College:** Orientation Programme, Motivational Speaker Nagaraj Beejaganahalli inaugurates, Maharaja's College Principal Prof. H.C. Devarajegowda presides, Junior BA Hall, Maharaja's College, **11 am.**
- **Sarada Vilas College:** Commerce Week-2025, Dr. K. Nagendra Babu, Senior Professor and Dean, DoS in Commerce, Manasagangothri, chief guest, Venkatakrishnaiah Hall, Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions (SVEI), Krishnamurthypuram, **11 am.**
- **JSS College of Nursing:** Induction Programme for B.Sc(N), PB B.Sc(N) and M.Sc(N) — B.Sc in Nursing, Post Basic Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing — R. Mahesh, Director, Medical Education Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, presides, Janet Mathias, Chief of Nursing Services, JSS Hospital, special invitee, Sri Rajendra Centenary Auditorium, JSS Hospital, **11 am.**
- **Sri Sangameshwara Temple:** Sharana-Sharaneyara Vicharadhare, Sri Siddamallaswamiji of Sri Neelakanteshwara Mutt, Mysuru, inaugurates, Sri Chidananda Swamiji of Sri Hosmutt, Mysuru and Sri Sadashiva Swamiji of Sri Virakta Mutt, Nanjangud, will grace the occasion, Shankara Devanur delivers lecture on 'Sharanara Moulika Chintane,' Sri Nataraja Auditorium, Sri Hosmutt, **7 pm.**

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Dude (Ta)	: 1.10 pm
Green (K)	: 4.05 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Thamma (H)	: 10.00 am, 4.00 pm, 7.50 pm, 10.20 pm,
Newton's 3rd Law (K)	: 10.45 am
Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K)	: 11.30 am, 12.15 pm, 2.55 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.20 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Ek Deewane Ki Deewaniyat (H)	: 1.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Bili Chukki Halli Hakki (K)	: 1.35 pm
Dilmaar (K)	: 4.30 pm
Dude (Ta)	: 7.25 pm
Nellikkampoyil Night Riders (Ma)	: 9.45 pm

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Staging of play 'Andha Yuga'

Mysuru, Oct. 26- Natana School of Theatre Arts (Natana Rangashale), Mysuru, has organised the staging of Kannada play 'Andha Yuga' at its premises in Ramakrishnanagar here at 6.30 pm today (Oct. 26).

Originally written in Hindi by Dharamvir Bharati, the play is translated to Kannada by Dr. Siddalinga Pattanashetty and Thippeswamy. Mandya Ramesh has directed the play. For details, contact Mob: 98455-95505.

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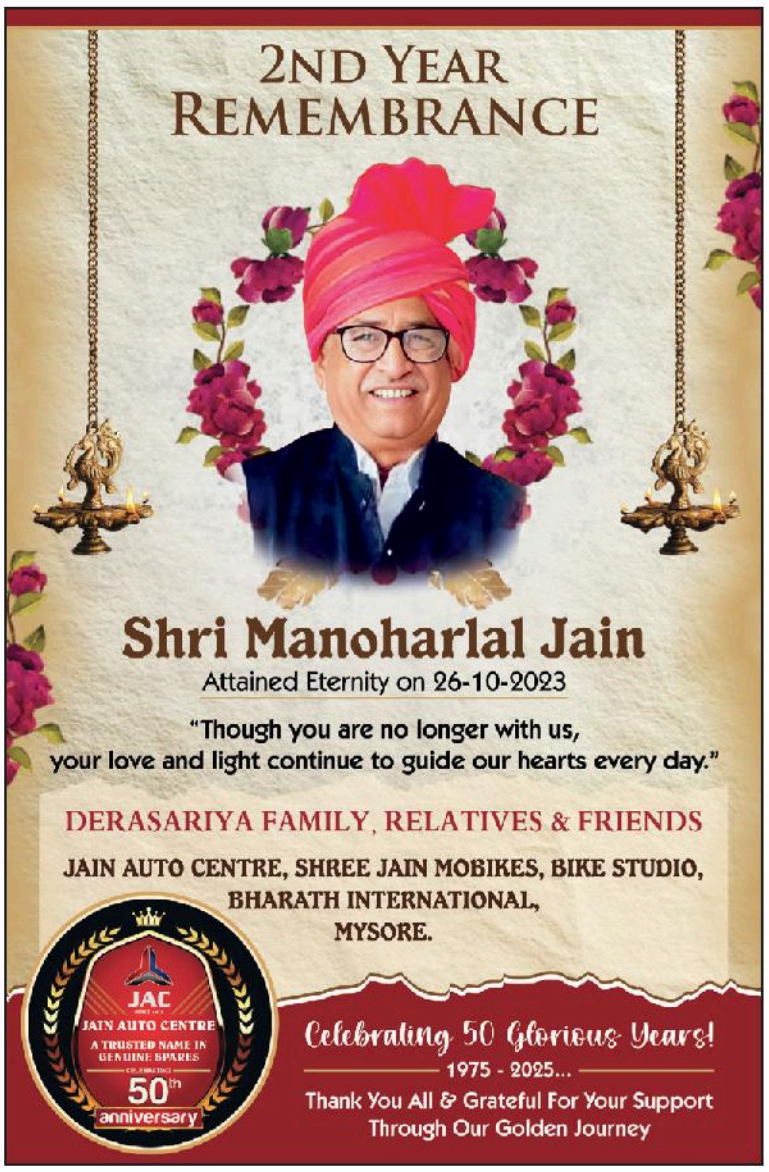
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